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power to free the son. 'One touch of kindly nature makes the whole world kin,' and we forget his foibles for the grand man we first knew."

### ELEAZER WILLIAMS AND THE ROMANCE OF THE LOST DAUPHIN

In volume six of the *Collections* of your Society in a paper read March 10, 1870, by Mr. John Smith, it is stated that the Eleazer Williams-Dauphin Claim was based entirely upon a romance written for its author's own amusement, by a Col. H. E. Eastman, of Milwaukee, Wisconsin. The object of this letter is to ask if a copy of that romance is among the papers filed in your Society's *Collections*, or, if not, where a copy can be procured or inspected.

APPLETON MORGAN,  
New York City

I regret that we are not able to find a copy of Colonel Eastman's romance which is said to have inspired Eleazer Williams to assume the rôle of the lost Dauphin, nor do we know where you would be able to find a copy. We have none in our reference library, nor in manuscript form, in our manuscript collection. Application might be made to the descendants or representatives of Colonel Eastman.

The Society is in possession of the private papers of Eleazer Williams which consist of his letters, diary, notes, sermons, Indian vocabularies, and other Indian manuscripts. Filed with these papers are General A. G. Ellis' recollections of Williams and a letter from Henry S. Baird enclosing Williams' application for admission into the Masonic Lodge at Green Bay. General Ellis and Mr. Baird are quoted by John Y. Smith in his article in *Wisconsin Historical Collections* VI, 308-42.

### EARLY DAYS AT FORT MADISON, IOWA

During my three and a half years' absence from home I naturally got 'way behind in reading the publications of the Wisconsin Historical Society, and am only now getting caught up. In the *Proceedings* for 1912, page 144 in the paper on "The Capture of Mackinac in 1812" by Louise Phelps Kellogg, it is stated that the attack on Fort Madison was repulsed, and the impression is left that the Indians were not successful. My understanding of the case is that the garrison only held out for a short time and then escaped at night through a tunnel from fort to river—a very short distance, as the fort stood on the bank of the river—to their boats,